Dear Joan,

Here is a first draft of my paper. The final draft is almost complete and has gone to the typist. Here are the main changes between the first and second versions:

a) The introduction has been pared down considerably (it began as notes for a lecture I never gave), and a brief section gives the Brieskorn representation explicitly.

b) I have added a formula for 3-bridge links coming from the rep. of the mapping class group.

c) The comment on the tables has been expanded.

d) A small error in 6.13 has been corrected.

e) A reference to Lou's states model has been added.

I hope it doesn't clash too much with your lecture notes. After some thought I've decided I should send it to the Annals - it seems important that some paper on this stuff should appear there. But if they start making me rework it, I'll withdraw it.

Best wishes, Vaughan

PS. I got the poster - it's great